

**PRIORITY REPORT ON PRIORITY DEFICIENCIES OF RESOURCES**  
By RIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

Gaps in Intelligence

Progress to Date

1. Sino-Soviet Bloc production and utilization balances of various agricultural commodities, including information on trade, consumption patterns and stockpiling.

RIC-P-12 is expected to make a significant contribution to filling gaps (1) and (2) for the USSR, and to shed some light on (3) for the USSR.

2. Distribution and characteristics of crop/stock varieties and livestock by breeds.

3. Commercial and strategic reserves of selected products of agriculture and forestry.

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Since the publication of RIR 13-56 (referred to in IAC-D-57/22) considerable improvement has taken place in the analysis of Chinese Communist agricultural data by CIA/ORR/M/AG. This improved capability has been achieved primarily through the consultation service of [redacted] (see report to members of the RIC Agricultural Subcommittee from Chief, M/Ag, subject "Post Mortem on RIR 13-56, 'Chinese Communist Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action Through 1960,' (IAC-D-57/22, 5 June 56)"

4. The effectiveness of the Chinese Communist regime's efforts to increase agricultural production (referred to in IAC-D-57/60)

ORR Project 21.1704, "Current Chinese Communist Agricultural Programs with Particular Emphasis on Agricultural Investment and Improvements," soon to be published is expected to make a significant contribution to filling gap.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON PRIORITY DEFICIENCIES OF RESEARCH  
By HIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

Gaps in Intelligence

Progress to Date

5. The popular reaction to the Communist regime and, particularly, to the Communist drive to socialize agriculture (referred to in IAC-D-57/22 and IAC-D-57/60)
6. Trends in diet and the standard of living both urban and rural in Communist China (referred to in IAC-D-57/22)

The Subcommittee, at a meeting on 17 August 1956, recommended that an Agricultural Attache experienced in the study of Chinese agriculture be assigned to Hong Kong in order to broaden the coverage of information on the agriculture of Communist China as the most practical means of closing existing gaps.

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At the Subcommittee meeting on 29 May 1957, [REDACTED] reported that the Department of Agriculture is taking steps to send an Agricultural Attache to Hong Kong.

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